

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Attorney Docket Q61703

N, the signal level S, the useful signal ES in the opposite direction from a speaking party, the constant delay τ_E of the echo signal, and an attenuation constant ERL of the amplitude of the echo signal

- Claim 15, line 1, delete "any one of claims 12 to 14" and insert --claim 12--.
- Claim 18, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 20, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 21, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 22, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 21" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 23, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 21" and insert --claim 1--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

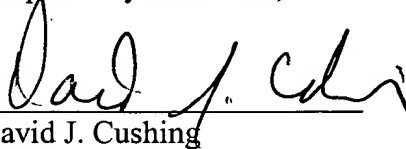
Change the heading from "**Summary**" to --**ABSTRACT**--.

After the abstract, delete "(Fig. 1)".

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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